

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

MUSKEGON COUNTY

This listing for Muskegon County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county. The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore

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Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore matches children ages five through 12 with caring, screened role models. The programs provide one-on-one matches in a community-based or school-based setting. The mentors and mentees participate in a variety of activities that help the children grow into more caring, confident, and competent people. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a two year commitment, which involves two to three times per month during afternoon, evening, and weekend hours.

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

PRIDE Pals and Club PRIDE

Timothy Brown

Muskegon County PRIDE Youth Programs

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Program Description:

PRIDE Pals and Club PRIDE provides mentoring and tutoring activities for elementary, middle, and high school students and their parents from the Mona Shores, Muskegon, and Muskegon Heights schools. Mentors work with youth on academic excellence, drug and alcohol prevention, leadership skills, life skills, and service-learning projects. Mentors support parents in self-esteem building, communication, disciplinary skills, and homework skills. They also lend a listening ear to both the mentee and their family. The Parent Action Community Teams (PACTs) support the mentors, parents, and youth. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a six month commitment, which involves one to two hours per week during afterschool, evening, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Volunteer Centers of Michigan

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

MUSKEGON

The Pathfinders

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Program Description:

The Pathfinders program helps children increase their self-confidence and readiness for academic learning. It teaches children how to manage their emotions, resist impulsive behavior, resolve conflict, solve problems, and understand the consequences of their actions. The program targets students from urban elementary, middle, and high schools with high rates of suspension, low grade-point averages, absenteeism, and a history of violent behavior. One-on-one, peer, team, group, and e-mentoring activities are a part of this program. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves two to eight hours per month during afterschool and weekend hours.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS

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